

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-50 are now present in this application. Claim 1 is independent.

Amendments have been made to the specification, abstract and drawings. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

Information Disclosure Citation

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the references supplied with the Information Disclosure Statements filed November 10, 2005 and March 11, 2010, and for providing Applicants with initialed copies of the PTO-SB08 forms filed therewith.

Election of Species Requirement

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the Election of Species Requirement and acting on all of the claims.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because Figure 1 did not include reference numeral 5.

In order to overcome this objection, Applicants are concurrently submitting a Replacement Drawing Sheet for the Examiner's approval, which addresses the deficiency pointed out by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure because it is too long.

In order to overcome this objection, Applicants have amended the Abstract of the Disclosure to shorten its length and place it in better form. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Objection to the Title of the Invention

The Examiner has objected to the Title of the Invention as being not descriptive.

In order to overcome this objection, Applicants have amended the Title of the Invention to be more descriptive. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Specification Objection

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of several informalities. In order to overcome this objection, Applicants have amended the specification in order to correct the deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-50 are allowed.

Cited References

Since the references cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but have merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James T. Eller, Jr., Registration No. 39,538, at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Replacement Figure 1